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NOTES.

THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION, ST. LOUIS, JUNE 27—JULY 1.

THE World's Fair grounds are to be the meeting-place of the educational hosts this year—not in the city, but right on the grounds, in close proximity to the exhibits. There will not be the usual N. E. A. rate, nor will it be possible to provide for the including of the membership fee in the purchase price of the ticket. The special exposition rates will be used, which are generally of three classes: season tickets, sixty-day tickets, and fifteen-day tickets. The committee has made arrangements for special rates at hotels, but this applies only to those who present the N. E. A. membership certificate. The headquarters hotel is called "The Inside Inn" and is on the grounds. This hotel contains 2,500 rooms. Other hotels near the grounds will be listed by the committee, and any information concerning hotel accommodations may be addressed to W. A. Carpenter, Board of Education Rooms, St. Louis. Everybody can be taken care of. The local reception committee will meet all trains. There will be an exposition post-office on the grounds, to which all N. E. A. guests should have their mail directed.

SPECIAL CONCESSION ON ADMISSIONS.

In order to aid the plans of the Association and to facilitate the studies of the exhibits to follow the convention meetings, the authorities of the exposition and of the Association have made an arrangement whereby membership in the Association and an admission coupon ticket providing for ten admissions to the exposition, to be used within fifteen days of the date stamp on same, may be purchased for \$5—the regular price of the admissions alone.

Since the main Bureau of Registration will be located within the grounds at the Town hall, in the "Model Street," it is further provided that these special admission coupons may be sold in advance with the N. E. A. membership certificate through the office of the Secretary of the Association—or such representatives as he may appoint.

It is provided that the first admission coupon (but no others) will be good for admission without signature or date stamp, in order to enable the holder of an advance coupon ticket to use one coupon for the first admission. The ticket should then be presented at the Registration Bureau, with the corresponding membership certificate, that it may be signed and dated before the second coupon is used. This is important, since the gatekeepers will be

instructed to take up any ticket presented the second time without date stamp and signature.

These admission coupons may be secured in advance at any time between April 25 and June 20 by remitting to Irwin Shepard, Secretary N. E. A., Winona, Minn., five dollars (\$5) by Draft, Express, or Postal Money Order, for which an N. E. A. membership certificate for the St. Louis meeting and a ten-admission coupon ticket will be sent in return.

These special N. E. A. ten-coupon admission tickets are non-transferable, but if the advance purchaser is unable through sickness to attend the convention, it may be returned, with a physician's certificate of disability, to Secretary Shepard any time before July 1, and its full value will be refunded. No refund of N. E. A. membership will be made, since its value will be returned in a copy of the annual volume.

On or after June 25, but not later than June 30, these ten-admission coupon tickets may be purchased at the time of membership registration in St. Louis.

Any holder of an N. E. A. membership certificate (St. Louis meeting), either active or associate, on which an N. E. A. admission coupon ticket has not been issued, may purchase the latter on application and presentation of the membership certificate at the Registration Bureau in St. Louis, either at Music Hall (down town) or at the Town Hall, on the grounds, on the terms mentioned above, receiving full credit for the membership certificate—but in no case may two admission coupon tickets be issued on one membership certificate.

THE GENERAL PLAN.

The plans for the Association cover at least twelve days' attendance at the exposition (ten days exclusive of Sundays). The first five days will be devoted mainly to the general and department meetings, the programs of which are planned to bear upon the educational exhibits and their lessons, in order that the studies of the exhibits during the following days may be rendered most profitable. To this end all meetings will be held on the exposition grounds, in close proximity to the exhibits, where leisure between the meetings may be profitably spent without loss of time or strength.

The second week will be devoted to the study of the educational and other exhibits, during which time especial attention will be given to N. E. A. members by those in charge of the exhibits aided by assistants who will be in attendance for that purpose.

For these reasons it is believed that all teachers will wish to spend at least ten days on the exposition grounds.

It is therefore recommended that all who attend the convention purchase railway tickets which will allow at least twelve days (including Sundays) in St. Louis; this will be the fifteen-day ticket, as described below.

THE PROGRAM.

The general sessions will be held in Festival Hall, and on Tuesday, June 28, at 9 30 A. M., the usual addresses of welcome and responses will be given which open the convention. The address of the president, Mr. John W. Cook, and an address by President James, of Northwestern University, on "The Place of the Church in American Education," will follow. On Wednesday morning Education at home and abroad will be discussed by O. J. Kern, J. H. Phillips, E. B. Bryan, and Z. X. Snyder; in the evening at 5:45, by J. J. Sheppard, S. M. Lindsay, and Booker T. Washington. On Friday, President Gates, of Pomona College, Miss Haley, of Chicago, and Mr. Aaron Gove will be the speakers. A very pleasant innovation will be the Vesper meeting from 5:45 to 6:30 each day, for which specially interesting and suitable programs have been prepared.

The National Council will hear of the Swedish and Japanese exhibits on Monday, and President Finley will tell of the progress of the year on Wednesday. Thursday will be given up to necrology.

The Kindergarten Department and Elementary Education Department will hold a joint session on Tuesday in which the kindergarten and elementary instruction abroad will be discussed. On Friday they meet separately and discuss their own particular problems.

The Departments of Secondary Education and Higher Education are the ones in which most of our readers are interested. The following is the program:

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DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Tuesday, June 28, 2:30 p. m.

1. "What Secondary Schools May Learn from the St. Louis Exhibit" (20 minutes)—E. H. Mark, superintendent of schools Louisville, Ky.

2. "What May the Secondary Schools of the United States Learn from a Study of French Secondary Education?" (20 minutes)—E. W. Lyttie, state inspector of high schools for New York, Albany, N. Y.

3. "What May the Secondary Schools of the United States Learn from a Study of German Secondary Education?" (20 minutes)—Frederick E. Bolton, professor of science and art of education, State University of Iowa.

Conferences at close of department meeting. Places of meetings will be indicated on final edition of program.

English Conference.—Chairman, Wilbur Fisk Gordy, supervising principal of North School District, Hartford, Conn. Topic: "Proposed Course of Study in English for Secondary Schools." Papers by the Chairman; also by Arthur Marvin, principal of High School, Schenectady, N. Y.; William Schuyler, William McKinley High School, St. Louis; Richard Jones, professor of English, Vanderbilt University; and E. O. Holland, Male High School, Louisville, Ky.

Mathematics Conference.—Chairman, William H. Smiley, principal of East Side High School, Denver, Colo. Program jointly arranged by the Chairman and Charles H. Smith, University of Chicago, president of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers.

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4. "The Mathematics Teacher's Real Problem"—Herbert E. Cobb, Lewis Institute, Chicago, Ill.

5. "Aims of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers"—E. C. Woodruff, Lake View High School, Chicago.

6. "The Unification of Secondary Mathematics"—Clarence E. Comstock, Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill.

Modern Language Conference.—Chairman, George Arthur Smith, High School, Yonkers, N. Y. (Program to be supplied.)

Thursday, June 30, 2:30 p. m.

1. "High-School Secret Fraternities"—G. B. Morrison, principal of William McKinley High School, St. Louis, Mo.

2. "In What Respects Should the High School be Modified to Meet Twentieth-Century Demands?"—David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University (20 minutes); J. Stanley Brown, principal of High School, Joliet, Ill. (20 minutes); William L. Bryan, president of Indiana University (20 minutes); B. F. Buck, principal of Lake View High School, Chicago (20 minutes).

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Wednesday, June 29, 2:30 p. m.

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Friday, July 1, 2:30 p. m.

Topic: "Present Tendencies of College Athletics."

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Speakers—Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, University of Nebraska; President William H. P. Faunce, Brown University; Chancellor Frank Strong, University of Kansas; Professor A. Alonzo Stagg, University of Chicago.

The Normal School Department will discuss "Psychology as Related to the Training of Teachers" on Thursday, and "The Teaching of Geography" on Friday.

The Department of Manual Training will discuss the work in the elementary school and will have reports on the work as shown by the exhibits. This ought to be specially interesting. Mr. C. B. Gilbert ought to have a large audience on Friday afternoon when he discusses "The Manual Training High School vs. Optional Work in the Regular School."

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vate commercial schools as illustrated in the exhibits. Secondary and higher commercial schools will also be discussed in the same way. The report of the Committee of Nine will be discussed on Wednesday.

The Department of Child Study will discuss, on Thursday, "Methods in Scientific Child Study," and on Friday will listen to the results of men who are experimenting in the field.

The Department of Physical Training will discuss the subject of elementary schools, high schools, normal schools, and colleges. President Jesse made his reputation on this subject by his inimitable contribution to the discussion at the meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the North Central States last year, and the department was wise to get him for its program.

The Department of Science will look at and discuss exhibits on Tuesday, and will discuss "Biology and Physical Science" on Wednesday. The presence of Dr. J. M. Coulter will add to the interest of this meeting.

The Secretary, Irwin E. Shepard, Winona, Minn., will answer all inquiries up to June 20, and will send N. E. A. literature to any person making the request.

We hope that as many of our readers as possible will arrange to spend at least ten days on the grounds and avail themselves of the special opportunities and concessions which have been obtained by the Committee. The Exposition authorities have consented to honor the N. E. A. admission tickets on and after June 20 to accommodate those who may wish to study the exhibits before the opening of the Convention. Buy your tickets in advance.

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